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## News Notes

**Solar System Ambassador visits** — James Wallace, Solar System Ambassador, will be at the Hickam Base Library until July 10, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., to lead discussions on the 'Visions of the Universe Exhibit' that the library is hosting through September 5. POC is Mr. Wallace jamesd\_wallace2@yahoo.com or call the library at 449-8296.

**JPAC arrival ceremony** — The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will conduct an Arrival Ceremony at 9 a.m., Friday, July 17, in Hangar 35, Hickam Air Force Base, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown. Following the ceremony, a public tour will be offered from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for the first 25 requests received. Guests must RSVP no later than noon, July 16, to reserve a spot. Walk-ins will not be accepted. For more information, contact the JPAC Public Affairs Office at 448-1934 or by e-mail at public\_affairs@jpac.pacom.mil.

**Hickam Airmen Council meeting** — This is scheduled July 14 at 3:30 p.m. at Enlisted Club Kauai Room. All Airmen E-1 to E-4 welcome. Contact Senior Airman James Watts at 449-7798 or james.Watts@hickam.af.mil.

**PACAF Air Force Birthday Ball** — The 2009 PACAF Birthday Ball will be held 18 September at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. Tickets go on sale early August. Contact Maj. Kimberly Grover at 449-7927 or via email kimberly.grover@hickam.af.mil.

**Golf tourney volunteers** — The Ronald McDonald House is looking for 150 volunteers to assist with the Ronald McDonald Golf Tournament, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Hickam Golf Course. Volunteer duties consist of setup, manning registration table, front gate sponsor and tear down. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Master Sgt. Vu Mullins at 448-4312 or e-mail vu.mullins@hickam.af.mil

**Transition assistance workshop** — This is scheduled July

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**A U.S. Army Soldier from the Task Force Regulars 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry gets a lift from an Iraqi boy and his mule on Route Douglas in the Jameela Market area on May 31, 2008. It's just one of the many moments photographed by recent Bronze Star recipient Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young.**

## Bronze Star recipient, photojournalist recounts explosion, loss of lives

**Staff Sgt. Mike Meares**  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — "I was covered in blood."

June 24, 2008, is a day Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young, an Air Force photojournalist, will never forget. During an assignment to cover the progress of democracy in the heart of Baghdad, an explosion ripped through an office he walked out of not 30 seconds prior, killing five.

Deployed to Iraq as a combat cameraman, Sergeant Young made sure he had an arsenal of equipment: full battle rattle, M-4 assault rifle, M-9 pistol, and a pair of cameras. He protected himself with his weapons and captured the incredible and terrible life in a combat zone with his cameras.

"I carry everything because if something happens, I have to be ready, too," he said.

A little over a year ago, Sergeant Young went on assign-



Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

**Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young speaks at PACAF headquarters following his recent Bronze Star ceremony.**

ment to illustrate some of the positive changes occurring in Sadr City, Iraq, an area of Baghdad teeming with corruption, to capture "the democratic process actu-

ally occurring." The people were there to vote on a new district council leader.

"I know a photo can change a lot of people's feelings," he said. "In Iraq, we are suppose to win the hearts and minds. We had to show a lot of our imagery because the civilian media wasn't showing it. You always heard the negative stuff going on. It's our job to show the good things that are happening, too."

Due to recent small arms fire attacks on the building and in the local area, a security detail rushed the team from a tactical vehicle into the main building upon arrival. The security team immediately swept and cleared the area, including the office of the temporary district council leader's office.

Once inside, and with an idea of what was going on with the voting, Sergeant Young instructed

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## Joint Base questions addressed

Many Team Hickam members have had the opportunity to ask questions and garner responses from the joint base oversight working group via the joint basing Web site online at [www2.hickam.af.mil](http://www2.hickam.af.mil). Each month, newsletters highlight open policy issues and status updates.

Here are a few recent queries:

**Question:** Can you tell me how the medical facility run after Hickam/Pearl join to become one base? Will the Air Force still run the facility? Will it be Joint? How will it change the service provided?

**Answer:** The medical facility itself will not be a part of the Joint Base; therefore, it will continue to be Air Force managed and the service provided will not change.

**Question:** Currently the civilian populace of Hickam 15th Civil Engineer Squadron is tasked to provide the processing structure for our military in time of deployment. This augmentee tasking is also used to process the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Reserve units. It is a responsibility that many find rewarding. Will this continue to occur when we become Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam?

**Answer:** The Joint Base Memorandum of Understanding is specific in pointing out that the 15th Airlift Wing must maintain its ability to mobilize Air Force and Defense Department units deploying to, from, and through the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The joint base oversight working group has identified in the MOA the number of civilian positions required to maintain this critical function and civilians that transfer will still be required to fulfill those duties and receive proper training to perform mobility processing. Hickam's mobility machine members can rightfully take pride in the performance of their deployment taskings and will be able to continue to do so after the Joint Base is stood up.

**Question:** Will the fence that divides Hickam and Pearl harbor come down?

**Answer:** There are no immediate plans for tearing down fencing or adding new access points between Hickam and Pearl Harbor, according to the joint base oversight working group. Most of the property along the fence on the Hickam side is housing and tearing down the fence may pose safety concerns for those in housing areas.

## Humanitarian effort Operation Pacific Angel set to begin with help from Hickam personnel

by Capt. Genieve David  
13th Air Force Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — The United States will join local authorities in three Pacific nations in July and September to provide medical, dental, and engineering assistance as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009.

More than 150 joint and combined U.S. Air Force and Army total force members will fly via Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs, C-130 Hercules, and KC-135 Stratotankers into Indonesia and Timor Leste July 10-24, to join local non-governmental organizations, and host-nation militaries in civic-assistance efforts.

Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Pacific area of responsibility to support U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts. This humanitarian and civic assistance program is aimed at improving mil-



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tom Czerwinski

**During Operation Pacific Angel 2008, a young Cambodian boy is being checked out for complaints of breathing trouble by Major Nisha Money, a preventive health physician from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Andrews AFB.**

itary civic cooperation between the United States, Indonesia, Timor Leste, and Vietnam.

The operation consists of several

military assistance programs to include aeromedical evacuation subject matter expert exchanges, as well as medical, dental, and engi-

neering civic assistance programs. Pacific Angel also trains civil-military operators to work together with a focus on civic assistance. Operation Pacific Angel 2009 will be conducted in two iterations. The first will have concurrent operations at Kupang, West Timor, in Indonesia, and Dili City, Timor Leste. The second will be conducted in September in Vietnam.

Participating U.S. units include Pacific Air Forces, 13th Air Force, and the 204th Airlift Squadron from the Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; U.S. Army Dental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; 36th Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam; 141st Air Refueling Wing from the Washington Air National Guard, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; 176th Wing from the Alaska Air National Guard, Kulis Air National Guard Base, Alaska; and the 168th Air Refueling Wing from the Alaska Air National Guard, Eielson AFB, Alaska.



# Chief of Staff updates 2009 reading list

by Gen. Norton A. Schwartz  
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

Dominating the air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace guarantees the security of our Nation. As adaptive warfighters and global thinkers on the Joint team, we must continually look for ways to



Gen. Norton A. Schwartz

expand our horizons. One way to do this is by reflecting on the lessons of history. With this in mind, I recommend three books from the

2009 Reading List for your professional development.

The first book, “The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power” by Max Boot, is a remarkable book about US military participation in small wars around the world throughout our Nation’s history. This work tells of the heroic tradition of Americans called upon to perform in non-traditional ways around

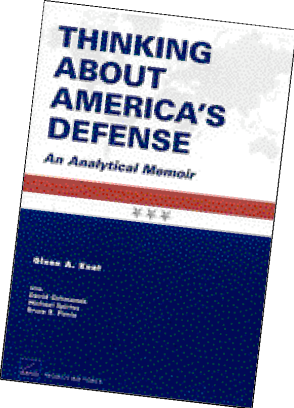
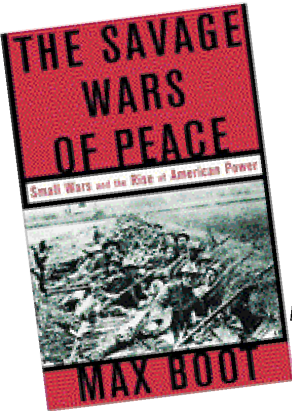
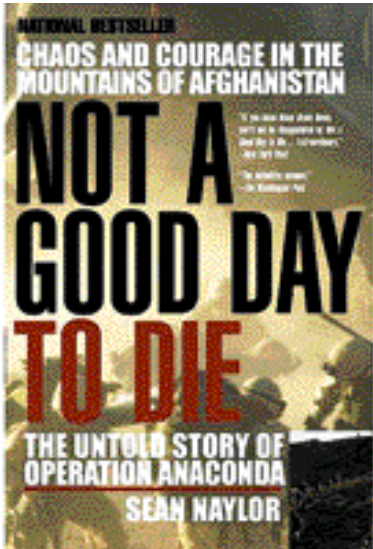
the world. Airmen will benefit from an understanding of this rich military history as we focus on applying innovative air, space and cyber capabilities in Irregular Warfare (IW). While this book is not necessarily centered on Airpower, the lessons and examples illuminate current and future challenges with regard to how Airpower can be applied in small wars and BPC.

Another work of historical relevance is “Thinking about America’s Defense: An Analytical Memoir” by Glenn A. Kent. This memoir describes what he has learned about analysis and defense policymaking and how we can apply those lessons to today. General (ret) Kent shares his account of the most significant issues with which he was involved over the course of his career — how he saw each issue and its significance, how he conceptualized and addressed the central analytical problems associated with the

issue, and how his work affected policy. General (ret) Kent offers to the reader an insider’s history of key aspects of the Cold War and post-Cold War defense strategies of the United States.

Finally, “Not a Good Day to Die: The Untold Story of Operation Anaconda” by Sean Naylor, reveals how close American forces came to disaster in Afghanistan against Al Qaida after easily defeating the Taliban that had shel-

tered the terrorist organization behind the 9/11 attacks. Opinions vary on the lessons of Operation Anaconda, and this book articulates a point of view all Airmen should understand and consider. This book also provides lessons learned in operational arenas such as Joint command and control, mission execution, and personnel recovery.



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## DIAMOND TIPS

### Did You Know...

While in Uniform:

- You cannot stand or walk with your hands in your pockets.
- When you are outside and not in a designated no-hat/no salute area, you must wear your hat. This includes base housing, the Shoppette gas pumps, and between your residence and vehicle.
- Once you park your motorcycle, you must remove your riding gear. Motorcycle gear is not part of your military uniform.

Please reference AFI 36-2903 or contact your supervisor.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant!



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**Kukini:** Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.



U.S. Air Force photo by Scott Ash

## Air Force's new Chief begins tenure

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz congratulates Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy following his installation as the Air Force's top enlisted leader June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. Previously, he served as Senior Enlisted Leader at U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii. Chief Roy serves as the Air Force's 16th top enlisted leader.

## Financial freedom within your reach

Commentary by Maj. April Major  
354th Comptroller Squadron commander

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Every day the news broadcasts the US consumer debt versus savings, the stock market performance, and commentary on stimulus program effectiveness. Are you feeling overwhelmed? Financial freedom can help alleviate this feeling. How do I attain financial freedom, you ask? You have to take charge of your financial life.

Here's how my family tackled the path to financial freedom.

Prior to my husband and me marrying, we sat down to discuss our financial background. Yes, we exposed our financial souls, the good, the bad, and the ugly. I had the ugly. I had a lot of credit card debt, I can't quite recall how much. Let's just say our total debt was significant. This was

the first step to achieving financial freedom. Lesson 1 - admit you have a problem.

Once we identified the debt, we discussed several options to reducing the debt. Some options were to request lower interest rates from our credit card companies, transfer balances to the lower interest credit cards, pay the highest interest rate cards first, or research bank/credit union consolidation loan options. We chose to work with our local credit union to apply for a consolidation loan to pay off our debt. You will need "good" credit to qualify for an unsecured loan. Lesson 2 - research your options, you may need to seek outside assistance.

We made a commitment to pay the loan off early and not to incur any additional debt. The first couple months were challenging, we were so tempted to only pay half the payment, so we set up an allotment for the loan. We found that we did

not miss what we did not see in our bank account. Lesson 3 - develop and commit to a plan.

We began living within our means, saved for big ticket items like furniture, paid off our credit cards at the end of each month. We realized we could afford many things we once thought were outside our reach, like a six-month emergency fund, retirement and family vacations. We enjoyed seeing the fruits of our labor, our bank accounts growing each month. We applied the same philosophy, allotments, to save for retirement. Take advantage of the Thrift Savings Plan, it reduces your taxable income. Buy only what you can afford. Do you really need that big screen television when the current TV you have works and you're swimming in debt? Do you really need to eat out for lunch every day at \$8+ per lunch? Lesson 4 - live within your means, this helps

saving for the future.

Anyone can take control of their finances, by taking advantage of the resources locally and online: your bank and/or credit unions, the Airman and Family Readiness Center, military-onesource.com, MilitarySaves.org, SaveandInvest.org, SuzeOrman.com, CNNMoney.com, and many more. It just requires time and dedication. Lesson 5 - free resources are available.

Financial freedom does not occur overnight, it takes hard work, commitment, sacrifice and time. Nine years later my family and I are still benefiting from our earlier commitment to live debt free and be in control of our financial future.

Everyone can contribute to the economic stability of our country. A better economic foundation is set for future Americans when more people save. Begin your journey to financial freedom today.



Crime  
Scene

**Theft of unsecured personal property**

A military family member of an Active Duty E-6 assigned to 15 CONS reported a theft of personal property on Kokomalei Street. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of unsecured personal property**

An Active Duty O-5 assigned to PACAF reported a theft of personal property on Monthan Street. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of unsecured personal property**

An Active Duty E-6 assigned to USA reported a theft of personal property on Halehaka Street. This case is currently under investigation.

**Theft of secured personal property**

A civilian assigned to 15 SVS reported a theft of personal property from Bldg 1073/Base Transportation. This case is currently under investigation.

**Damage of government property**

A civilian assigned to 15 SVS reported damage of government property at Bldg 3572/Mamala Bay Golf Course. This case is currently under investigation.

**Driving under the influence/operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant**

A civilian was detained at Bldg. 188/Main Gate for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant which resulted with a Breath or Blood Alcohol Content of .191. This case was forwarded Honolulu Police Department.

**Citations for June 26-July 2**

Three abandoned vehicle notices  
Five civilian traffic citations  
14 moving traffic citations  
Three non-moving traffic citations



U.S. Army photo

The Golden Knights, the demonstration and competition parachute team of the United States Army, will perform at Wings Over the Pacific.

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an Army videographer in his team to accompany him to capture imagery of people coming to cast their ballots. They left the office and starting capturing imagery.

Click. Click. Click. Click. Click. Click. Boom!

Seven photographs into the shoot, the explosion ripped through the office he walked out of only 30 seconds or so prior.

“The office blows up right behind me,” he remembers. “I’m in shock for a second. I take a knee and lean against the wall. I hear people yelling and crying.”

An injured Iraqi man came screaming through a door heading directly toward Sergeant Young holding his head. With his weapon raised at the man’s chest, Sergeant Young told the man to back up.

“I don’t know if he could understand me or not, but he turned around and went back out the door.”

With chaos erupting around him, Sergeant Young joined the security team and headed out of the building and into a courtyard. On the way out, he realized people from his team were missing, so he turned around and went back in. As he searched the area, he found people with missing limbs and a multitude of injuries everywhere he looked.

After reconnecting for the second time with the security team, Sergeant Young and some members of the team were escorted to the tactical vehicle waiting outside. Once behind the bullet proof armor of the vehicle, Sergeant Young accessed injuries on those inside. He administered first aid on an Iraqi lieutenant colonel with extensive non-life threatening injuries. As he was finishing, he heard the back door open.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**The weathered hands of an older Iraqi woman reach for the sides of a truck in an effort to make her self noticed while soldiers from the Iraqi Army 42nd Brigade 11th Division distribute food, water and medical supplies in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq on May 8, 2008. The Iraqi Army handed out relief supplies and provided medical care in an effort to help the people in the district. More than two hundred and fifty people showed up to receive free food and medical supplies.**

“The door drops open and I see (an Army major) on the stretcher. He is bleeding everywhere.”

Sergeant Young started talking to the major, whose 6-foot 5-inch frame could not fit into the vehicle without his legs sticking out the back. With the door partially open, they set out for their base camp to get medical attention for the wounded.

“I start talking to him, ‘Look, you are going to be okay! We are going to get you in!’”

The major screamed, “I’m not going to make it! I’m not going to make it!”

““You’re going to make it! Don’t talk like that! You’re going to make it!”” Sergeant Young said, as he tried to calm the panicking man down. “I kept talking to him, while he talked back to me.”

Sergeant Young and a combat medic started CPR

on him when he stopped breathing. Chest compressions, rescue breaths and a needle to release the air from inside his collapsed lungs didn’t seem to work.

“I was covered in blood,” he said. “I didn’t even realize it. Everything I owned had blood on it. I was probably in a little bit of shock. I got inside the (Mine

Resistant Ambush Protected) and was picking something up and I started to hyperventilate.”

The blood on the vehicle’s floor triggered a realization of the event, which seemed like an eternity at the time, for Sergeant Young. He sat down in the back of the MRAP to catch his breath, speechless at the

events that just transpired.

He had connected with the men lost that day in the time they spent together on and off duty. Like him, most of them were from the northeast coast and had a lot in common.

“We would smoke cigars at night and talk about his family and everything back home,” the Philadelphia, Pa., native said. “I really got to know him. It was very hard sitting there realizing he was gone.”

After the dust settled, an Army lieutenant colonel approached Sergeant Young and told him he did a great job responding to the incident. They may have given him a hard time for being a photographer in the Air Force, but they completely respected him as a team member; he had stepped up and taken control of the situation. For his actions, Sergeant Young received the Bronze Star Medal, the fourth-highest combat award for the U.S. Armed Forces from Col. Ed Thomas Jr., Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces director of Public Affairs June 29. The Bronze Star is awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the military of the United States who distinguishes himself by heroic

or meritorious achievement or service for engaging in actions against an enemy of the United States.

“Cohen is a model Airmen, but he’s also representative of the quality of our force,” Colonel Thomas said. “We send our combat camera Airmen out to the front lines to capture operations and history where it happens. They provide a ‘you-are-there’ perspective for our leadership from the battlefield or anywhere they operate.”

During his deployment, Sergeant Young was rated as the No. 1 of 40 combat cameramen capturing historical moments in the country’s storied history. He logged more than 400 hours “outside the wire” on combat and humanitarian missions.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal, Sergeant Young also received an Army Commendation Medal with the valor device for combat action and two Army Achievement Medals.

He reflected that “[Earning the Bronze Star] reminds me of an extraordinary time in my life where I got used to death; where I lived on the edge to get the photos. We had some close calls and we lost some memorable people.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**A frightened young boy hides under the arm of his mother while waiting in line to receive a free medical checkup outside the Tht Ilsil School for Girls in Sadr City on May 7, 2008.**



# Housing privatization creates new communities

Submitted by Hickam Community Housing

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Nearly six years have passed since the Air Force in Hawaii began privatization of its family housing. The goal was to provide quality homes, community amenities and professional property management services for Airmen and their families assigned to Hickam Air Force Base.

Developer Actus Lend Lease was named the Air Force’s preferred provider to manage Phases I and II of the base’s family housing and to execute an extensive development plan for the communities. Through Hickam Community Housing (HCH), Actus has successfully managed the project scope, delivering to date more than 800 new and 557 renovated homes to families residing on base.

HCH is responsible for the development, design, construction, renovation as well as property and maintenance management services. The latter will continue through 2057.

“It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with the Air Force to provide homes for Air Force families and also be entrusted to help take care of them,” said HCH Project Director David Falls. “Our teams in development, construction and property management have done a tremendous job



Courtesy photo

**New homes, like this at Earhart Village, feature spacious kitchens connected to family rooms and rear-covered lanai, tech centers, master baths with dual vanity sinks, and large utility rooms for storage.**

to get us to where we are today.”

The Air Force broke down its residential development into two phases and Actus was awarded both phases in 2005 and 2007, respectively.

Phase I is a five-year development that runs through 2010. It includes construction of 816 new replacement homes and renovation of 540 existing homes.

Phase II development includes replacement construction of 392 homes and major historic renovations on 438 homes and continues through mid-2013.

While the advantages of completing all this redevelopment work include obvious upgrades throughout the base to provide a greatly

enhanced quality of life for families living here, unfortunately it cannot be completed without causing impacts to many families. When homes are scheduled to undergo extensive renovations or to be demolished for replacement, families living in those homes must be relocated.

An extensive process for advance notification and coordination has been put in place, with the first contact made through town hall meetings taking place a year in advance for upcoming relocation requirements. Subsequent town halls take place at the six month milestone, and official written notices are issued no later than 120 days prior to the required move date.

Moving costs for all moves required for renovation or replacement construction are paid by the Air Force. Since development began, hundreds of families have been relocated for construction activities, many of them into newly constructed homes. Areas where upcoming relocation will be required over the next 18 months are shown on the map.

### Development progress

Hale Na Koa and Earhart Village are included in Phase I which began in 2005. To date, 660 new homes are complete, with families in residence (or

about to move in to some just recently completed). In addition, minor renovations are complete on 540 homes. As Phase I wraps up over the next year, another 156 new homes will be completed.

Phase II development got underway in 2007 and includes 392 new homes and the restoration and rehabilitation of 438 historic homes. More than 300 new homes will be in Onizuka Village, and families will begin moving in later this month.

“Homes in Onizuka Village will be among the most energy-efficient in the U.S. Air Force, and we’re excited our families will have an opportunity to be part of a truly great sustainability initiative,” said Falls.

All homes in Onizuka will be LEED Silver Certified. LEED, Leadership

HCH Development At-A-Glance		
New Homes	Completed to Date	End-state
Hale Na Koa I	194	194
Earhart		
Phase I-2	252	252
Phase I-3	214	214
Phase I-4	0	156
Earhart Village Park	60	80
Onizuka	104	304
FGO 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	8	8
Total	832	1,208
Renovated Homes	Completed to Date	End-state
Earhart	186	186
Hale Na Koa I	354	354
Select Historic A Homes and Companion Homes	17	17
Select Historic B Homes	0	10
Major Historic Renovations	0	411
Challenger Loop	0	96
Total	557	1,074

in Energy and Environmental Design, is a green building rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council. Examples of some of the features include, solar hot water, dual flush toilets, low flow faucets and showerheads, energy efficient ventilation and air conditioning, Energy Star appliances (refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher) and high efficiency windows.

In addition to new and renovated homes, HCH residents can look forward to great community amenities. Still to be constructed will be a large spray park in Earhart Village, two dog parks located in Earhart Village and Onizuka Village, a skate park in Earhart Village and an outdoor lawn amphitheatre at the new Community Center in the historic area.

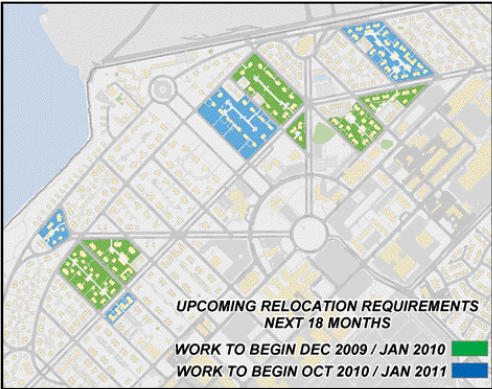
The center will be the result of an extensive historic renovation of the old Tradewinds Club and will offer amenities similar to HCH’s existing community center built in 2006. It will have a fitness center, multi-purpose rooms and a Community Management

office serving residents of Hale Na Koa 2.

Most of these items will be completed by late 2010, except the Onizuka dog park that will be constructed in conjunction with the last phase of homes by early 2012.

Construction of a new Housing Office supporting families in Onizuka Village and Officer Field got underway earlier this year. While including Community Management for those areas, this building will also house overall HCH management functions and Development Management. Complementing the LEED Silver certification for the homes, the Housing Office building also will be LEED Certified. Within the same compound will be a new centralized Maintenance Facility, from which HCH’s highly responsive maintenance services will operate.

Falls summed up the customer service priorities for Hickam Community Housing, saying “We’re proud to be able to improve the living environment for thousands of Air Force families for years to come.”



Graphic courtesy of HCH

**A 1-year notice is provided to families required to move due to construction. Areas where upcoming relocation will be required over the next 18 months are shown on the map**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  
Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu, Hawaii

Tests showed coliform bacteria in Hickam AFB drinking water during the month of May 2009. Our water system recently violated the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The Hickam system routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took 21 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during May. Two of our samples at the Fort Kamehameha Military Family Housing showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately, *Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform bacteria, are present. Although we found total coliform in two samples collected in May, we did not find fecal coliform bacteria in any of these samples. Repeat samples collected after the two positive samples were also total coliform and fecal coliform negative; therefore the problem has been resolved.

What happened? What is being done?

Ft Kamehameha MFH has been vacant since August 2008. Therefore, water usage significantly decreased allowing water to remain stagnant in pipes for long periods. Water was collected twice at the same location, resulting in two positive coliform samples. Sampling protocols require 10-15 minutes of flushing until chlorine residual is noted. Under these circumstances (stagnant water), chlorine residual was documented, but flushing of the entire street was required to allow fresh water back into the system. A third set of samples were collected after the system was flushed out by Civil Engineering Utilities personnel. All results returned negative; therefore the problem was resolved. There are no residents currently living at Ft Kamehameha MFH. This sampling location will be removed. An Environmental Impact Statement to determine the final disposition of all the buildings is in progress.

As a customer there is nothing you need to do at this time. The Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight has documented this violation and to ensure the monitoring violation does not happen again, we have trained our technicians on sample reporting requirements for this system.

For more information, please contact Capt Elisa Hammer at 448-6769 located at 1225 Freedom Ave., Hickam AFB, HI, 96853.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by the Hickam AFB water system. The State Water System ID# is 350.

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14-17, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Instructors from the Department of Labor, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, and other base experts will provide information and training on the job search and other critical elements of the transition process. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Call 449-0300 to register.

**Post 9-11 GI Bill briefing** — Two briefings will be held at the Base Theater on July 16. A VA representative will present an overview of the Post 9-11 GI Bill and the 15 MSS Force Development

Flight will provide info on the transfer option. The first briefing will be 9-9:45 a.m. and the second at 10:15-11:00 a.m.. POC is Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil.

**Hickam Federal Women's Program (FWP)** — The FWP is a special emphasis program, under the director of EEO, established to enhance and remove employment barriers for the Hickam workforce, is always looking for new members. Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Contact Dinah.Sanchez

@hickam.af.mil or Lucella.Sullivan@pacaf.af.mil for more information.

**Appointments only at Legal Office** — Effective July 13, the Legal Office will provide legal assistance on an appointment basis ONLY. Walk-in legal assistance will no longer be available. However, powers of attorney and notaries will still be provided on a walk-in basis. To make an appointment, call 449-1737.

**CPR and First Aid training available** — Call the Red Cross at 449-0166.